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To: The Commission

REPLY COMMENTS OF SHERJAN BROADCASTING COMPANY., INC.

Submitted herewith are reply comments of Sherjan Broadcasting Co., Inc. with regard to the above-captioned petition for rule making.

Service of these reply comments is hereby accepted on behalf of the Community Broadcasters Association.

Respectfully submitted,

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- 1. Sherjan Broadcasting Company., Inc. ("Sherjan"), permittee of Station W41BF, Coral Gables, Florida, hereby submits its reply comments with respect to the above-captioned Petition for Rule Making ("Petition") by the Community Broadcasters Association ("CBA"). Sherjan filed initial comments noting that it plans a programming schedule for W41BF that will include a substantial amount of local material. It urged adoption of the CBA's proposals and stated that it would seek community television status for W41BF if the proposals are adopted.
- 2. Sherjan believes that all of the Oppositions to CBA's Petition are ill founded, but it especially wishes to reply to the Opposition of the National Translator Association ("NTA").1/ First, it must be emphasized that CBA has not asked for changed status or increased regulation for any station to be mandatory. Any cost to the Government of increased regulation, which we believe would be negligible, would be limited by the fact that community

^{1/} The Commission should note that many translators -- and thus many of NTA's Members -- are owned or financed by the conventional television stations whose signals are rebroadcast. Therefore, many of the same entities that have an interest in preventing competition to conventional stations are influential in establishing the position of NTA.

televisibn status would be given only to stations which elected to request it and which broadcast the local programming necessary to earn it.

- 3. The request for a power increase would have no impact on the secondary status of the service, window filings, or the lottery system for awarding licenses. Also, the freeze already in place in major markets would prevent community television stations from precluding new translators in markets where spectrum scarcity may be a problem. In other words, there is no real likelihood of any adverse impact on the translator industry.
- 4. Every advertiser looks at audience survey numbers when buying time, so that he knows what audience he will reach. A better call sign is seriously needed by LPTV stations that need to compete for a place in these surveys.

 LPTV stations and translators that want their present call signs can keep them. "Code keyer" station ID systems would not be affected.
- 5. NTA actually supports the Petition in that it finds the goals to be "laudable." That is true. The goals are in the best tradition of American broadcasting history. But as the television industry has grown, the cost of building and operating a station has mushroomed to the point where programming production is now done mostly by the networks rather than local stations. But <a href="mailto:now-industry-likely-supports-likely-

are in trouble and LPTV is blooming, then the segment that is blooming should be nurtured, especially when it is not at the expense of anyone else.

7. There is a strong record showing the need for CBA's proposals, and nothing compelling in the oppositions. Therefore, the Commission should proceed promptly to issue a Notice of Proposed Rule Making.

Respectfully submitted, SHERJAN BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Sepember 30, 1991

Sherwin Grossman

President

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lucy S. Colebaugh, do hereby certify that on September 30, 1991, I mailed copies of the foregoing Reply Comments of the Sherjan Broadcasting Company, Inc., by postage-paid, first-class United States mail, to the following:

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